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FROM: Tripoli

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 955, May 27, 5 p.m.

SENT DEPARTMENT 955; REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 136; BENGHAZI UNNUMBERED.

EMBTEL 938, repeated information London 134.

Follow: Text May 26 Benghgzi telegram to Ambassador:

"Letter to Prime Minister delivered in person this morning accompanied by unofficial Arabic translation which Salah read at Kubaar's request. Prime Minister received letter in friendly spirit and as if he had been expecting it. Remarked jokingly you should not have to worry about such "unimportant details" as his maneuvers in Parliament. Then said in serious vein there had been no misunderstanding during your discussion with him and that he fully aware we could not make commitement beyone current fiscal year. Stated frankly he considered necessary present matter to Parliament in way he did to forestall expected opposition and that he felt justified doing so because, although no commitment made, he was confident US, as in past, would continue try to meet Libya's requirements not only over next five years but longer. Them commented at length regarding Libya's furure. To conclude Prime Minister said he would ask me convey to you his best wishes and say he had received your letter and understood reasons had been sert. Added he had received report from Shaglouf regarding latter's talks with Gordon and had given his approval to procedure worked out by them. Prime Minister added that ~~if I would pass these remarks on to you he would make~~ no written reply your letter."

JONES

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